



**Office of the State Fire Marshal – Delaware**

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The Delaware Office of the State Fire Marshal is investigating this morning's building fire in **Middletown, Delaware**. One person was found deceased inside.

Shortly before 4:00 am, officers from the Middletown Police Department discovered smoke coming from a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment in the unit block of **West Main Street** near S. Broad Street. The Volunteer Hose Company responded to the scene and encountered a fire inside the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment. Firefighters found one person deceased inside the building. There were no other injuries reported.

Deputy fire marshals and detectives from the Middletown Police Department are currently on scene investigating the circumstances of the fire and death. The Delaware Division of Forensic Science has taken custody of the victim and an autopsy is scheduled for today.

Fire damage, estimated at \$75,000, was contained to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment. Three other apartments have been cleared and 4 residents have been relocated.

This fire remains under investigation.